

6. Wise (AGNI)? he whom in Ms
performance of
the sacrifice thou incitest to attain
wealth> by thy
protection walks (lord) among crowds of
cattle.¹

6. Thou, AGNI, givest to the pfferer wealth
com- Varga xii
prehending many male descendants; conduct
us to
affluence.

7. Defend us, JATATEDAS ; deliver us not oyer
to
me malevolent, to the man whose thoughts are
evil.

8. Aera, let not the godless ta&e away the
wealth
which thou₂ the divine, hast given, for thou art
the
lord of treasures

9. Son of strength, the friend, the giver of
dwell-
ings, thou metest out abundant treasure to
us thy
praisers.

10. Let our voices come near the beautiful
(AGNI),
him who bears devouring flames; let our
sacrifices
with our oblations come near him, for our
protec-
tion, who is rich in wealth and rich in praise ;²

11. (Let them come near) AGNI, JATAVBBAS, son
Varga
of strength, for the giving of all desirable
good
things; who* is doubly .immortal as
(perpetually
burning) amongst mortals, and as the
supremely
exhilarating mlnistrant-pri^st amongst the
sacri-
ficed

¹ Of. *i.* 86. 3.

³ *Sdma Teda*, H. 7.2.8. i.

⁸ *Sdma Feda*, II. 7. 2. 8. 2. S&yana gives another interpretation, "who is doubly immortal (amongst gods) and amongst men,** *d* being equivalent to *cfa. Vtsi*, which he explains as put for the plural *wfahu yeyamdna-rfypdtUt* more probahly means "in the house," or "in the family."